

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21. (Currently amended) An animal medicine in pellet or tablet form comprising:
a substrate, whereby said substrate consists of animal feed; and
coated particles whereby said substrate and said coated particles are intimately mixed
and whereby said coated particles comprise
a carrier material having an average diameter of approximately 0.8 mm or less;
an active ingredient casing ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of at least one
veterinary active ingredient whereby said active ingredient casing coats said
carrier material; and
a masking protective layer whereby said masking protective layer coats said
active ingredient casing.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The animal medicine of Claim 21 whereby said carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.09 mm and 0.8 mm.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The animal medicine of Claim 21 whereby said carrier material is selected from the group consisting of cellulose, starch, saccharose, lactose, and sugar.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) The animal medicine of Claim 21 whereby said masking protective layer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, a cellulose polymer, an acrylic acid polymer, a methacrylic acid polymer, a maleic acid anhydride polymer, a polyvinyl pyrrolidone polymer, a polyvinyl alcohol polymer, ~~[[or]]~~ and a combination of said polymers.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The animal medicine of Claim 21 further comprising one or more additives whereby said additives are selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatics, and natural aromatics.

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The animal medicine of Claim 21 whereby said substrate consists of lysed yeast.

Claim 27. (Previously presented) The animal medicine of Claim 21 whereby said veterinary active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of anti-parasitic, anti-bacterial, anti-viral, and neurotropic.

Claim 28. (Previously presented) The animal medicine of Claim 27 whereby said veterinary active ingredient is benazepril.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A method of making an animal medicine comprising
coating a carrier material with at least one veterinary active ingredient whereby said carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.8 mm or less with the proviso that said veterinary active ingredient are not mixed with surfactants prior to coating said carrier material;
coating said at least one veterinary active ingredient with a masking protective layer to form coated particles;
intimately mixing said coated particles with a substrate whereby said substrate consists of animal feed; and
compressing said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate into tablets or pellets of appropriate size.

Claim 30. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 whereby said carrier material has an average diameter of approximately 0.09 mm to approximately 0.8 mm.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 29 whereby said carrier material consists of cellulose, starch, saccharose, lactose [[or]] and sugar.

Claim 32. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 29 whereby said masking protective layer is selected from the group consisting of shellac, a cellulose polymer, an acrylic acid polymer, a methacrylic acid polymer, a maleic acid anhydride polymer, a polyvinyl pyrrolidone polymer, a polyvinyl alcohol polymer, [[or]] and a combination of said polymers.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 further comprising adding one or more additive to said intimately mixed coated particles and substrate whereby said additive is selected from the group consisting of proteins, vitamins, minerals, artificial aromatic substances, and natural aromatic substances.

Claim 34. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 whereby said substrate consists of lysed yeast.

Claim 35. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29 whereby said veterinary active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of anti-parasitic, anti-bacterial, anti-viral, and neurotropic.

Claim 36. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 35 whereby said veterinary active ingredient is benazepril.